

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for producing fuses comprising the steps of:
processing a metal sheet into a blank having a plurality of continuously distributed pairs of lead conductors;
molding an insulator base integrally with each pair of the lead conductors;
electrically interconnecting the lead conductors of the respective conductor pair with a fusible connector; and
severing the lead conductors from the blank.
2. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of fitting a protective cap on the insulator base to enclose the fusible connector.
3. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said metal sheet is a rolled continuous strip.
4. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said metal sheet is cut into a metal sheet segment of a prescribed length at said processing step.
5. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said pairs of lead conductors are arranged in a single row along the length of the metal sheet at said processing step.
6. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said pairs of lead conductors are arranged in two or more parallel rows at said processing step.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a depressed portion for receiving the fusible connector is formed at one end portion of each of the lead conductors at said processing step.
8. (Currently Amended) A fuse produced by the method as set forth in claim 1~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~.
9. (New) A fuse produced by the method as set forth in claim 2.
10. (New) A fuse produced by the method as set forth in claim 3.
11. (New) A fuse produced by the method as set forth in claim 4.
12. (New) A fuse produced by the method as set forth in claim 5.
13. (New) A fuse produced by the method as set forth in claim 6.
14. (New) A fuse produced by the method as set forth in claim 7.